

Iowa Supreme Court Affirms \$10 Million Verdict

DES MOINES, IA (March 2021) The Iowa Supreme Court unanimously sided with The Weinhardt Law Firm's client in a long-running, high-profile appeal of a wrongful death verdict of more than \$10 million. The Firm represented Bill Carter and the Estate of his late wife, Shirley Carter, in a wrongful death case against their son, Jason Carter. Shirley was the victim of a gunshot homicide in her rural Marion County farmhouse in 2015. Frustrated with the progress of the law enforcement investigation, Bill brought a civil wrongful death claim against Jason to obtain some measure of justice for his late wife. A jury agreed that Jason was responsible for Shirley's death and awarded one of the largest punitive damages verdicts in Iowa history. The civil lawsuit also resulted in the State of Iowa filing charges for First Degree Murder against Jason.

The case has been featured on Dateline NBC and numerous print and television media outlets nationally and locally. The Iowa Supreme Court held that the facts supported the jury verdict and dismissed a variety of procedural and evidentiary challenges brought by Jason's lawyers. A sample of media coverage about the appellate victory and the case can be found on [Dateline NBC](#), in the [The Des Moines Register](#), and at [WeAreIowa.com](#).

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